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PEHS Grad Inti St. Clair Receives Prestigious Photography Awards

Submitted by Linda Collier

Inti St. Clair, a 1993 graduate of Pine Eagle High School and a commercial photographer, has been awarded first place in the International Photography Awards for her work on Delta Airlines' Home & Away project.

In her acceptance speech at the awards ceremony in Athens, Greece, Inti shared her experience leading up to the project with a life-threatening bout of viral meningitis 2023. The illness led to a coma, and when she awoke, she wasn't able to hear or to see, but fortunately, she made a full recovery, and the experience became a turning point in her life. It inspired her to take her passion for commercial photography in a more meaningful direction.

Following her recovery, she revamped her portfolio website and created a list of dream projects she wanted to pursue. At the top of that list was collaborating on a travel-related campaign for Delta Airlines.

Amazingly, just a month later, she was approached to photograph the Home & Away project, which highlighted the small businesses that professional athletes and their teams love to visit in their home cities and while traveling across the country. The project was a resounding success, expanding in 2024 to feature Olympic athletes at locations throughout the U.S. and in Paris. The opportunity allowed Inti to connect with the people and places involved, adding the meaningful human connections she had hoped to incorporate into her work.

Photo by Amy Weiss via intistclair.com

PINE EAGLE GRADUATE INTI ST. CLAIR has received international recognition for her work in commercial photography.

The dream project wasn't without its challenges. Just weeks after starting, Inti broke her arm and had to shoot most of the series with one arm! The campaign has garnered widespread acclaim, winning a Bronze Clio, Best in Show at the Hashtag Sports Awards in addition to first place in the prestigious IPA Awards.

Additionally, Inti is being recognized as the 2024 Photographer of the Year by both the American Society of Media Photographers and the American Photographic Artists.

Inti is the daughter of Mary Jo St. Clair and Bruce Honeyman of Halfway.

Joy Cole Encourages Everyone To Light Up Eagle Valley

by Sherrie Kvamme
of the Hells Canyon Journal

"We're going to light up Eagle Valley and we hoping everyone will participate in some way, even if you don't enter the contest! If everyone does something, we can do that," said Joy Cole chairwoman of the Light Up Eagle Valley Christmas Decorating Contest.

"It's not about the contest so much as it is about lighting up the valley and sharing the joy of the holidays with each other. The first Christmas decorating contest we had was in 2020. People all around the valley decorated. It's not about how many lights you use or how much decorating you do, it's doing something whether a couple of strings of lights on the front porch or a decoration by your mailbox to all kinds of lights and décor. It's up to you. We just want everyone to participate in some way and be part of lighting up the valley."

Joy said there is only one category this year which is Light Up Eagle Valley!

"The one thing I do ask is that you register that you are entering. That's very important because we need to have time to make a route map for our judges. We also ask that your decorations can be seen from the road or street, so nobody needs to get out of their vehicles."

Call Joy at 541-893-3285 if you have any questions or to register. She needs your name, address and phone number. Please register by December 15 as the judging will take place between December 17 and December 20 by anonymous, independent, out-of-town judges. First prize is $150, second prize is $100 and third prize is $50.

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JOY COLE is urging everyone to Light Up Eagle Valley.

"Let's Light Up Eagle Valley," said Joy. "And you certainly don't have to follow a theme. It can be whimsical or faith-based or vintage or traditional or wherever your imagination takes you. It's completely your choice. We just want everyone to participate and be part of the fun."

The Eagle Valley Grange is sponsoring the event, and the winners will be announced the evening of December 22.

"Remember. This contest is not just for Richland," said Joy. "It's for the entire valley so get busy while the weather is just perfect for decorating."

And while Joy is encouraging everyone to participate in some way, she is also very much encouraging you to enter the contest.

"We have the judges lined up and excited about helping. Please remember not to park your car in front of your house after you decorate! That has been a challenge in the past. Vehicles hide the decorations!"

OBITUARIES

Lorraine Gunter

LORRAINE GUNTER

Lorraine Gunter, 71, of Halfway, Oregon, died at her home on November 30, 2024. A celebration of her life will be held over Memorial Day weekend of 2025.

Selena Lorraine was born on November 20, 1953 in Halfway, Oregon at the old ranch home. She was raised in Halfway, Oregon attending Pine Valley Grade School and Pine Valley High School, graduating in 1972.

She married Larry Gunter; they met at her sister's home in Portland. Larry had a construction company and the work entailed lots of traveling which ranged as far as Europe and Australia. After Larry's death, Lorraine moved back to Halfway.

Lorraine was a "fair" artist, according to her brother. She painted a horse, and this horse watches you from any direction in the room. She won a buckle at the Junior Rodeo for bull riding when she was 17.

She was preceded in death by her parents Albert "Curley" and Beulah Crow; husband Larry; siblings Marion, Marlene, Betty, Melba, Rosie, John, Elaine and Jerry and nephews Travis and Jim.

Lorraine is survived by her brothers Dave and Dick Crow; sister Louise (Wayne) Tyler; brother-in-law Daryl Woolf; several nieces and nephews and extended family.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Lorraine, the family suggests Halfway/Oxbow Ambulance through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, PO Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Kathy Huff

Kathryn "Kathy" Susan (Hadwick) Huff, 69, of Halfway, Oregon passed away July 17, 2024 at St. Luke's Medical Center in Meridian, Idaho after a brief battle with cancer.

Kathy was born to Maurice E. and Marcella L. (Gerberding) Hadwick in Hermiston, Oregon on August 20, 1954. She was the oldest of three children. Kathy spent her childhood enjoying the outdoors with her family. They enjoyed many camping trips to the Wallowa Mountains and fishing in the North Fork of Catherine Creek.

Kathy's life was one of dedication and service. After graduating from Hermiston Senior High School in 1972, she attended Eastern Oregon State College receiving her Bachelor of Science in Education in 1976. She then embarked on a rewarding career as an elementary school teacher. Choosing to attend graduate school at the University of Oregon during the summers, she earned a Master of Education in 1985. For over three decades, Kathy nurtured young minds with kindness and patience.

She married James "Jim" Clyde Huff on August 14, 1986 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hermiston, Oregon. They had two children, Aimee and Blake. She was a beloved mother who will be dearly missed.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, Maurice E. and Marcella L. (Gerberding) Hadwick.

She is survived by Jim Huff of Halfway, Oregon; daughter, Aimee Huff of Meeker, Colorado; son, Blake (Hillary) Huff of La Grande, Oregon; brothers, David Hadwick of Baker City, Oregon and Steven Hadwick of Umatilla, Oregon.

To honor Kathy's wishes, there will be no funeral service. Kathy's selfless and kind nature will be with us all in spirit. For those who would like to make a memorial contribution in honor of Kathy the family requests you contribute to the Calvary Chapel Ontario online at https://www.ccontario.com/give.

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